



Design District Review Team

MINUTES

JULY 21, 2008

Conference Room A

Ground Floor, City Hall

Members Present: Teri Danner, Planning
Joe Jackson, City Appointee
Alan DeLisle, Economic Development
Jim Morris, Planning – alternate
John Paces-Wiles, General Services – alternate
Doreen Sanfelici, General Services
Kevin Lilley, General Services/Urban Forestry (Chair)
Henri Prosperi, General Services
John Compton, Appearance Commission
Ed Venable, Public Works
Sara Young, Planning

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Anne Kramer, Planning
Steve Cruse, Planning

Guests Present: Dan Jewell, Coulter, Jewell, Thames, P.A.
Joe Stein, J. Davis Architects
Lou Goetz, GOK, LLC
Kimberly Isley, NFSDTP

I. Chair Lilley called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes from June 23, 2008 (Ms. Sanfelici, Mr. Jackson, 2nd).

ACTION: Motion carried, 10-0

III. Adjustments to the Agenda

None

IV. Site Plan Review – McPherson Townhomes (D0800156)

Anne Kramer introduced the project noting that it consisted of thirteen (13) new four-story townhomes on 0.81 acres, at the southeast corner of Watts Street and Lamond Avenue. She asked that the DDRT pay special attention to the open space which was designated also as part

of a driveway. She concluded her remarks explaining that the DRB would have to approve the additional fourth story as proposed.

Dan Jewell (Coulter, Jewell, Thames) and Joe Stein (J Davis Architects) gave the presentation explaining that the units were designed as “live-work brownstones” with hidden garages accessed by drives in the center of the block. The discussion included questions regarding the color palette, the handling of waste, the maneuverability in the drive aisles, the retention of as many existing street trees as possible and the relocation of a portion of the open space.

MOTION: To recommend approval of the project with the following requirements:

- a. A waiver of the transparency requirement;
- b. Alternate benches and trash receptacles;
- c. A recommendation for the additional (4th) story of height since it is residential and is designed to blend in to the neighborhood;
- d. The open space moved out of the driveway;
- e. The street trees moved out of the sight distance triangles; and
- f. The final color palette approved administratively by the DDRT staff.

(Ms. Danner, Ms. Young 2nd)

ACTION: Motion carried, 10-0.

V. Unfinished Business:

None

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Gordon